

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**In re** : **Chapter 13**  
**Karin Williamson,** :  
**Debtor.** : **Case No. 17-12124 (JKF)**

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**ORDER**

This 21st day of April, 2017, the debtor having filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy under chapter 13 on March 28, 2017, and docketed at Case No. 17-12124

And it further appearing that at the time the debtor filed this voluntary petition, she was already a debtor with a pending chapter 13 case docketed at Case No. 11-15759,

And an individual may not have pending simultaneously two chapter 13 cases as there would be a conflict between two bankruptcy estates. Accord Matter of Lunsford, 39 B.R. 490 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1984). Indeed, generally, a debtor may not have pending simultaneously two bankruptcy cases regardless of the chapters of each case. See, e.g., Freshman v. Atkins, 269 U.S. 121 (1925); In re Descorp, Inc., 1992 U.S. Dist. Lexis 1835 (E.D. Pa. 1992); Prudential Ins. Co., of America v. Colony Square, 29 B.R. 432, 436 (W.D. Pa. 1983); In re Befort, 137 B.R. 56 (Bankr. D. Kan. 1992); In re Keen, 121 B.R. 513 (Bankr. W.D. Ky. 1990); In re Martin, 97 B.R. 1013 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1989),

And, further, this second filing may be an improper attempt to circumvent an order in the earlier pending case terminating the automatic stay as to a secured creditor,

Accordingly, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c), it is hereby **ORDERED** that this case is **dismissed** for “cause.” Accord, e.g., In re Doss, 133 B.R. 108 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1991); In re Jackson, 108 B.R. 251 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1989).



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